

Decision Sheet: Oklahoma

You should be able to answer YES to all three major questions in order to deny or reduce a claim. A yes to only one or two may not be sufficient, either to deny or reduce. If you answer yes to question 2, then try to determine to what degree the victim caused what happened, if you do not believe the victim was entirely responsible for the offender's actions.

1. Did the victim commit a criminal act, or do something *substantially* wrong?
(not just something stupid or in poor taste)

YES _____

NO _____

2. Did the victim's criminal act or substantially wrong actions cause, in some way, what happened?

(Or you could answer yes or no to these statements: I believe that the victim did something to cause the offender to do what the offender did to her. It was reasonably foreseeable that the victim's actions would cause the offender to do what he did, because that is an expected and frequent result in terms of causing someone else to victimize someone).

YES _____

NO _____

2a. Answer *Only IF* you answered YES to Question 2:

To what degree did the victim's criminal act or substantial wrongdoing cause the offender to do what the offender did, or cause the injury or death to result?

It was the sole cause _____

It was a major cause, but not the only cause _____

It played a very minor role in causing the offender to do what he/she did _____

3. Are there facts and substantial evidence, not just surmise or innuendo, to prove that the victim's actions caused what happened to the victim?

YES _____

NO _____